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 FM JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J1//
 TO RUEADWD/CSA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO/JACO/TAPC-PDO-PA//
 RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC//N3/N5C/NO9B33//
 RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC//AF/XOXJ/DPXEQ//
 RUEACMC/CMC WASHINGTON DC//PLJMHM1//
 RUFGTCC/USEUCOM VAHINGEN GE//ECDC/ECJ1//
 INFO RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//ASD/FMP//
 RUCBACM/USCINCCOM NORFOLK VA//J01/J1//
 RUCJACC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL//CCDC/CCJ1//
 RHHMUNA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J01/J1//
 RUMIAAA/USCINCSO MIAMI FL//SCDC/SCJ1//
 RUPEUNA/USCINCSpace PETERSON AFB CO//UD/J1//
 RUCJAAA/USCINCSOC MACDILL AFB FL//SODC/SOJ1//
 RUCUSTR/USCINCSSTRAT OFFUTT AFB E//J001/J100//
 RHCUAAA/USCINCTrans SCOTT AFB IL//TCDC/J1//
 RUAGAMS/COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOR//FKDC/J1//
 RUFQAAA/USNMR SHAPEBE//
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MSGID/GENADMIN/ORIGINATOR//
 SUBJ/AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (AFEM) TO
 IMPLEMENT SECTION 572 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
 (NDAA) OF FY 1998 //
 REF/A/JT STAFF MSG 101530Z OCT 97//
 AMPN/REF A ANNOUNCED THE TERMINATION OF THE AFEM FOR OPERATION JOINT
 ENDEAVOR (OJE) (11/20/95 - 12/19/96), AND AWARD OF THE AFEM TO
 OPERATION JOINT GUARD (OJG) (12/20/96 - 6/20/98)//
 POC/SOARES/MR. /JOINT STAFF J1/LOC: PENTAGON/DSN 224-6465//
 RMKS/
 1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 572 OF THE
 FY98 NDAA WITH THE AWARD OF THE AFEM IN ADDITION TO THE AFEM
 PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY REF A, TO CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS OF OJE AND OJG
 AS A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO DOD AND SERVICE POLICIES. THE ONE-TIME
 EXCEPTION IS TO PERMIT THE AWARD OF TWO MEDALS FOR THE SAME OPERATION
 AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.
 2. THE AFEM IS LIMITED TO ONLY THOSE PARTICIPANTS IN OR THOSE
 PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT TO OJE AND OJG WHO WERE DEPLOYED IN THE
 COUNTRIES OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND CROATIA, ABOARD US NAVAL VESSELS
 OPERATING IN THE ADRIATIC SEA, AND THESE RESPECTIVE AIR SPACES.
 3. TO QUALIFY FOR THE AFEM FOR OJE OR OJG US SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE:
 BONA FIDE MEMBERS OF A UNIT PARTICIPATING FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS IN OJE
 OR OJG WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AOE AS DEFINED IN PAR. 2, OR MEET ONE OR
 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: (A) BE DEPLOYED IN THE AOE AS AN

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INDIVIDUAL BY OFFICIAL ORDERS TO OJE OR QJG FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS; (B) PARTICIPATE AS A REGULARLY ASSIGNED CREW MEMBER OF AN AIRCRAFT FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND CROATIA, ADRIATIC SEA AND THESE RESPECTIVE AIR SPACES.

4. THE AFEM AND AFSM ARE CAMPAIGN/THEATER AWARDS. ALL PREVIOUS AFSM RECIPIENTS FOR OJE AND QJG OUTSIDE THE AREA OF ELIGIBILITY STATED IN PAR.2 OR CRITERIA IN PAR. 3 ABOVE FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM WILL RETAIN THEIR AFSM. THEREFORE, SERVICE MEMBERS ARE AUTHORIZED ONLY ONE AWARD OF THE AFEM AND/OR AFSM FOR SERVICE IN EITHER OR BOTH OJE AND QJG (NO BRONZE SERVICE STARS ARE AUTHORIZED).

5. REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM OR AFSM FOR OJE AND QJG SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HQ USEUCOM (ECJ1-AAD), GERMANY, AT DSN 314-430-7169.//

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